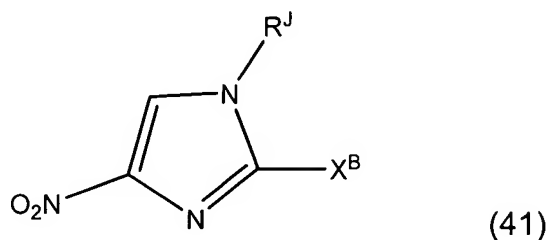


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

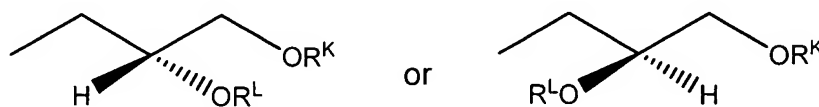
Without prejudice or disclaimer, this listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously presented) A 4-nitroimidazole derivative represented by formula (41),



[wherein X^B is a bromine atom or a group of the formula $-S(O)_nR^1$, wherein R^1 is a phenyl group which may have 1 to 3 substituents, selected from the group consisting of a nitro group, a halogen atom and a lower alkyl group, on the phenyl ring, n is 0 or an integer of 1 or 2; and R^J is a group of the formula,



(wherein R^K and R^L are each a tetrahydropyranyl group, a tri(lower alkyl)silyl group, a lower alkanoyl group, a phenyl-lower alkyl group which may have a lower alkoxy group as a substituent on the phenyl ring or a hydrogen atom)] or a salt thereof.

13. (Original) (S)-2-bromo-1-(2-methyl-2-oxiranylmethyl)-4-nitroimidazole or a salt thereof.

14. (Original) (R)-2-bromo-1-(2-methyl-2-oxiranylmethyl)-4-nitroimidazole or a salt thereof.

15. (Original) (S)-2-chloro-1-(2-methyl-2-oxiranylmethyl)-4-nitroimidazole or a salt thereof.

16. (Original) (R)-2-chloro-1-(2-methyl-2-oxiranylmethyl)-4-nitroimidazole or a salt thereof.